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UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT SHOTDOWN BY MIG-21. XXCC

ON 18MAY72, BETHEEN #519Z AND #533Z, NVN TACTICAL VOICE COMMUNICATIONS REVEALED THAT A MIG-21 SHOTDOWN AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF KEP AIRFIELD. AT #521Z THE TWO MIG-21 PILOTS PREPARED FOR COMBAT BY TURNING ON THEIR WEAPONS SHITCH AND DROPPING AUXILLARY FUEL TANKS. ONE MINUTE LATER THE LEAD PILOT INSTRUCTED HIS WINGMAN TO TAKE THE TARGET ON THE LEFT SIDE AND THAT HE WOULD ATTACK THE LEAD AIRCRAFT. DURING THE SAME MINUTE THE LEAD PILOT REPORTED ONE AIRCRAFT BURNING AND AT #526Z CONFIRMS THAT HE HAD SHOT THE LEAD AIRCRAFT INTO FLAMES. THE THO MIGS CONTINUED ATTACKING WITHOUT RESULTS UNTIL THE WINGMAN EXPENDS ALL OF HIS MISSILES. BOTH AIRCRAFT SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN. COMMENTS, A COLLATERAL SOURCE CONFIRMS THE LOSS OF AN F-4 IN THE HANDI AREA DURING THE TIME FRAME OF THIS ACTIVITY. THIS IS A FINAL REPORT XXHH 258 #8168 NRNN 258 #8168 NHNN

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